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MODULATION**

(57) Abstract: The present invention provides double stranded compositions that have a region that is complementary to a target
nucleic acid. One of the targeting strand or the second strand comprises linked ribofuranosyl nucleosides and the other strand com-
prises linked modified nucleosides that have 3'-endo conformational geometry. The strands can be linked together or separate and
may contain additional groups. The present invention also provides methods of using the compositions for modulating gene expres-
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